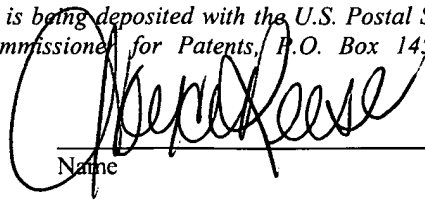




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REMARKS

Claims 45 and 49 are pending in the application and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as purportedly being anticipated by Stampfer et al. (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2002, 41, No. 6, pp. 1014-1017). Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the application and reconsideration of the rejection of these two claims.

The inventors named in the present application are Wolfgang Stampfer, Birgit Kosjek, Wolfgang Kroutil, Kurt Faber, Jurgen Eck, and Frank Niehaus. The authors of the cited reference are Wolfgang Stampfer, Birgit Kosjek, Christian Moitzi, Wolfgang Kroutil, and Kurt Faber. The undersigned submits that, if Mr. Moitzi were an inventor of the subject matter disclosed in the cited reference, then he would have been identified as an inventor on the present